Closure in some public sector units

2517. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether various high level official committees have recommended closure of a number of public sector units like BPMEL, Scooters India Limited, Engineering Projects (India) Limited, Cycle Corporation of India and Beioco Lawries; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the reports of the various committees and the action taken by Government in regard to their recommendations in respect of those public sector units ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY) : (a) and (b) Various Committees appointed by the Government from time to time, have recommended among other things, closure of certain public sector units. However, it is not in the public interest to divulge the details of these reports or the action proposed to be taken thereon at this stage.

Chairman-cum-Managing Director in Hindustan Paper Corporation

2518. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Paper Corporation Limited, Calcutta is working without a Chairman-*cum*-Managing Director and other Directors on the Board of Directors of the Company;

(b) whether interviews were conducted by Public Enterprises Selection Board for empanelling names of prospective Chairman- *cum*-Managing Director during the last six months or so;

(c) whether approval was not subsequently accorded by Government for appointment as per panel;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof, indicating the list of candidates selected in the said interview; and

(e) what further steps are being taken to seek Government's approval for appointment according to the panel ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY) : (a) At present, the post of Chairman-*cum*-Managing Director and Director (Finance) are vacant in the Hindustan Paper Corp. Ltd. An official of the Deptt. of Public Enterprises is looking after the work of Chairman-*cum*-Director in addition to his duties in the Department.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Overcharging by NDMC

2519. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the NDMC has been overcharging the residents of the Class IV Employees colony at Punchkuin Road, New Delhi for the electric consumption by them by Re. 1/- per unit of electricity per month, since April, 1986, on the ground that there are loose/temporary electricity connections in their flats, despite the fact that the electricity consumption is restricted to domestic use only;

(b) if so, under which provisions of the NDMC Act, this overcharging is done;

(c) whether prior notices were issued to the residents of the colony; and

(d) if so, what was the reaction of the residents ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI

SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) Some 50 residents of the Class IV employees colony at Punchkuin Road, New Delhi were charged electricity consumption at the rate of Re. 1/- per unit as according to N.D.M.C., they had misused by extending electricity to the unauthorised structures constructed adjacent to their quarters.

(b) According to the tariff note issued by N.D.M.C., the consumers are liable to be charged at the rate of Re. 1/- per unit for misuse of supply of energy.

(c) N.D.M.C. had issued notices in the form of letter to the residents found misusing electricity after site inspection by N.D.M.C. staff.

(d) Some residents have stopped misusing the electricity and are now being charged at normal tariff rates. Those who have not stopped misusing are playing at the penal rate.

Selling fishing boats by Union Carbide

2520. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1800 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th August, 1986 and state :

(a) whether Government have received any information to the effect that numerous fishing boats have been quickly disposed of by Union Carbide in Visakhapatnam;

(b) whether such asset-depletion is likely to affect the position of Union Carbide to meet their liabilities; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to prevent such transfer of assets ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

National Capital Thermal Power Project

2521. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether any blue-print of a National Capital Thermal Power Project has been finalised to meet the Delhi's power needs by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, what are the details regarding the estimated expenditure, the type and location of the additional power generating stations to be established and their generating capacity ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) and (b) It is proposed to set up the first stage of the National Capital Thermal Power Project (4×210 MW) at a site near Dadri in the Ghaziabad District of Uttar Pradesh. The estimated cost of the first stage of the project, which is proposed to be implemented by the National Thermal Power Corporation, is Rs. 1063.57 crores. The first unit of 210 MW is proposed to be commissioned in 1991-92 and subsequent units at intervals of six months each thereafter.

Strike in non-coking coal mines

2522. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a strike has recently taken place in non-coking coal mines in Bihar and Orissa; and

(b) if so, what are the demands of the workers and Government's reacton thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) There has been